GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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NEW MOBILE EXHIBITION TRAIN
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has introduced "AZADI EXPRESS" the new mobile exhibition train celebrating the 150the year of the First War of Independence and the centenary celebrations of Shaheed Bhagat Singh chugged out for its maiden ride from the Capital on 28th September,2007;

(b) if so, the aim and purpose of this project;

(c) the total duration of the Project and the total expenditure likely to be incurred on this Project;

(d) whether any role has been assigned to the M/o Railways and DAVP; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e): Yes, Sir. The train has been flagged of on 28.9.07 from Delhi. The mobile exhibition on train will enable large number of people to visit the exhibition at their doorstep, touch their imagination and revive memories of the historic events, personalities and of the sacrifices made by a large number of freedom fighters known and unknown for attaining the freedom. The exhibition also shows the achievements of independent India in various fields. The total duration of the exhibition is approximately for 9 months and the total expenditure is Rs.9.27 crore (approximately). Directorate of Audio Visual Publicity, Ministry of I&B is the implementing agency for the Project. Ministry of Railways has also provided the special coaches and also made arrangements for running and maintenance at concessional charges.